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Grafton Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)

Minutes 9/9/2021

7:05 Meeting opened with introductions

Members: Kathy Cederberg, Marianne DeVries, Curt Williams, Pam Riordan, Dave Woodbury, GPD Chief Norm Crepeau, Laura DiDio.

1. Rebuilding GEMA and CERT

- a. GEMA: additional members to be emailed Dave Runyan, Health Agent, Mike Killeen.
- b. CERT: Description of purpose from Federal CERT site reads "that CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking in on neighbors, distribution of information to the public, supporting the Emergency Operations Center and helping to manage traffic and crowds." Training will be in team organization, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue as well as shelter operations.
 1. Will start to recruit volunteers through social media
 2. Then will train but due to Covid precautions we may have to do online training following up with hands on training.

2. Budget and Grants

- a. Budget – currently at 11,000
 1. Suggestion would be Climate Resilient Internet. Laura DiDio will set up a vendor presentation
- b. Grants
 1. 19EMPG at \$4600 with a match of same. Already written to be for weather station and computer equipment.
 1. Chief Crepeau will look at cost of weather station and for zoom cameras and possible large computer touchscreen display board for EOC.
 2. 21EMPG is also at \$4600 with a match of same.
 1. Suggestions for this grant:
 - a. Exercise(s). Kathy Cederberg will ask MEMA for clarity on what Exercise \$ can be used for. Proposed exercises

would be Tufts and Railroad and that we should contact Mike Killeen at the Fire Dept. about these. A school exercise would need to be without students and need to determine if one is desired by school department.

- b. The large computer touchscreen display board for EOC
- c. Kathy Cederberg will write a proposed grant for review at next meeting. Laura DiDio will assist with review.

3. Social Media needs

- a. Grafton Police Department website – Chief Crepeau requested help
- b. GEMA's Facebook page has been inactive for several years and Dave Woodbury will contact former GEMA member Mike Scully for access in order to start posting and editing

4. Emergency Alert System (EAS)

- a. Chief Crepeau requested help with setting Grafton's dispatchers with this system. Kathy Cederberg said that MEMA is the agency that does this and that there are protocols for it and that she will have Andy Bagdonas of MEMA contact the chief for more information.

5. Discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan that is being updated by the Planning Dept.

6. Next Meeting 10/21 at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Adjournment 8:20